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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the Midwest, unchanged to 1 cent higher in East, and 1 cent higher in the West when compared to a last Friday's majorities. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to full steady at prevailing price levels. Distributive and food service interest improved for the holiday weekend, but was in a range of fair to moderately good. Weather conditions continue to hamper retail movement in the Northeast. Overall, whole birds were clearing with smaller sizes in the best position. In the parts structure, interest was moderate to active. Overall, dark meat was in good balance and clearing. Bone-in breast were tight to adequate. Wings and tenders were reported as fully adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 30-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago	66.00-69.00	55.00-77.00	68.02	30	
New York	71.00-74.00				
Los Angeles	81.00				
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	61.00-80.00	74.81	86	

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
995	70.18-77.24		74.38

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00	1,238
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,613
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,363
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.50	947
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	6,897
WINGS	84.50	2,923

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone remained steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings and trade call were generally limited and in balance. Movement into all channels was irregular and for the most part the quote by businesses was often disappointment. Fast food and catering were instances very good in some areas and into some retail centers. Floor stocks were close to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade continued on light side with transport issues continuing. All parts were available with dark meat cuts very limited due to continued strength in export trade. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, weak on tenderloins, and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the Midwest, fully steady in the East, and firm in the West. Demand was fairly active for holiday weekend business. Supplies were clearing easily, but were still adequate for most trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was well cleared, aided by export business. Breast items were irregular but in a better position than a day earlier. Wings and tenderloins were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good for the holiday weekend. Offerings were adequate, but in a better position with the 3 pound and lighter sizes well cleared; heavier sizes were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady on the 3 pound and lighter weights; generally steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were adequate to well cleared. Tender and wings were available. Dark meat cuts were adequate, but clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN The market tone was firm with most trading for next week at 1 cent higher prices. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good to cover Memorial Day needs. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the holiday extended weekend. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Most plants were scheduled to close Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Boneless/skinless breasts were adequate; bone-in were tight. Wings and tenders were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were in good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A			
RANGE			62-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE			75.09
NO. OF BOXES			7,086
CUMULATIVE	05/23/05-05/27/05		74.99
	05/24/04-05/28/04		85.96
NO. OF BOXES	05/23/05-05/27/05		36,522
	05/24/04-05/28/04		35,984

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 27

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	625	127.00-150.00	130-136	141.53	640	127.00-150.00	130-136	140.72	3,135	135.25
TENDERLOINS	158	120.00-180.00	125-130	127.47	168	120.00-180.00	125-130	127.62	925	129.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	84.00-84.50	-	84.41	57	84.00-84.50	-	84.41	316	85.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				225	73.76
LEGS	48	52.00-62.00	52-54	53.67	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				306	53.46
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	36.00-38.00	-	36.28	232	37.00-38.00	-	37.14	2,305	37.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,140	38.00-41.00	40	39.88	1,020	39.00-41.00	40	40.00	5,661	39.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	-	83.37	300	71.00-85.00	-	83.37	1,510	81.74
WINGS (CUT)	325	88.00-99.00	95-99	97.08	315	88.00-99.00	95-99	97.02	1,940	97.02
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				360	55.68
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				160	53.40
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-113.00	-	108.50	80	107.00-113.00	-	108.50	450	107.17

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR MAY 26, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 54.00	53.14	53.50 - 54.00	53.57	55.11

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity improved and was fairly active for the holiday weekend. Offerings of breasts items were adequate and usually clearing. Leg quarters, drumsticks and thighs were well cleared. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was at least moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts. Bone-in breasts were steady to fully steady. Wings and tenderloins were barely steady to steady. Balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

MAY 26, 2005

MAY 27, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.45	807,300		140	143.12	710,840	139.81		3,271,700
TENDERLOINS	130	131.09	159,360		130	128.84	230,930	129.66		870,966
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	91.82	111,720		84-85	91.09	152,880	91.68		676,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	82.03	85,680		84	85.58	127,040	82.39		592,960
LEGS	52-53	52.15	168,680		52-53	55.93	221,400	54.76		976,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.74	338,520		40-41	40.30	343,920	39.99		1,626,640
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.94	204,000		44-45	49.45	176,160	49.05		919,100
THIGHS	46-47	53.13	77,320		46-47	55.05	77,880	53.81		479,940
B/S THIGHS	104-105	100.65	132,372		104-105	103.29	90,200	101.04		579,172
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	90.33	119,400		82-83	88.07	196,000	88.56		712,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	24,120		10-12	12.05	23,640	11.73		99,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.81	15,600		35-40	29.75	12,880	31.84		85,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.51	20,160		45-50	50.08	19,320	49.81		110,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
Alabama	4,490	4,042	3,993	3,937	5.22	5.28	4,578	5.28			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,119	5,196	5,345	5,400	5.02	5.08	5,804	5.04			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,903	2,285	2,306	2,236	5.63	5.72	2,491	5.52			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,422	2,255	2,255	2,254	4.98	5.10	2,517	5.05			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,179	3,098	2,959	3,044	5.69	5.58	3,070	5.79			DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,924	2,504	2,363	2,509	6.54	6.55	3,389	6.45			RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,527	2,422	2,549	2,551	5.18	5.32	2,793	5.32			RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	23,564	21,802	21,770	21,931	5.39	5.45	24,642	5.43				
Mon-Fri	111,627(A)						111,377(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-May-05 and 28-May-05 is estimated to be 35,254,000 head down 4.66 percent from a week ago and down -2.26 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,978,000, last year 36,069,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-May-05 is estimated to be 161,646,000 head down 0.85 percent from a week ago, and up 0.26 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 163,035,000, last year 161,220,000)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 14-May-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	24,951	23,888	51,044
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.57
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

Comparisons

Last week	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,923	20,134	49,612
Avg Weight	3.64	4.68	6.33
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%

To date/2005	527,360	394,059	934,930
To date/2004	499,811	415,840	856,944

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 21-May-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249	487
Avg Wt	5.30	3.46	7.99	5.61	6.77
Last week	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990	505
Same wk yr ago	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837	489
Avg Wt	5.20	3.31	8.10	5.61	6.80
To-date/2005	3,161,879	30,936	27,213	58,149	10,095
To-date/2004	3,086,458	26,267	25,538	51,805	9,183

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 1.3 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -MAY 24, 2005 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED **AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

	RANGE
Pekin Ducks	4.75 - 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.95 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.75 - .90
Guinea Fowl	2.30 - 2.35 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Silkie	2.50 - 2.85 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.35 - .45
Pigeons	4.50 - 6.00 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.25 - 1.35
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.15 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.50 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .25 ea.
Goats	60.00 - 70.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00 ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.50 ea.

Total Coops Sold 711

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64.00-74.50	69.00-73.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	78.00-83.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Demand was mostly good. Supplies were adequate to balanced for current needs. Schedules full-time to reduced next week for the holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-MAY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	16	160.0	166.2	96%
	23	163.1	166.1	98%
	30	164.7	166.1	99%
May	7	166.0	166.1	100%
	14	165.3	166.3	99%
	21	165.0	166.3	99%
Year to date	3200.2	3267.8	98%	
May	28	166.5		
June	4	165.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	05/21/05	05/14/05	% CHG	05/22/04	% CHG
Broilers	161,646	163,035*	-0.85	161,220*	+0.26
Cattle	657	659	0	690*	-05
Hogs	1,941	1,922	+01	1,885*	+03

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for light canners; adequate to at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-31 MAJORITY 27-29	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-34 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was light for the generally adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	1.5-8.5	4.5-5.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules near full. Offerings adequate to ample.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-MAY-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reduced due to holiday schedules. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair to moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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